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Carolyn McCormick . . . Another chapter begins.

by Thelma D. Jones

Another chapter in the life of Southwest Branch Librarian Carolyn McCormick will begin when she returns to her roots in Detroit later this year. She will resign her position in October, end her commuter's marriage, reunite with her husband, and be closer to her family and friends.

McCormick came to Washington in 1988 seeking a new challenge. With a Bachelor of Science in geriatrics from Wayne State University (Detroit), a Masters in Library Sciences from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) coupled with a Masters in Continuing Education and experience in Detroit's public health sector, she was poised for a new challenge. She ultimately found that challenge when a former dean at Catholic University School of Library Sciences suggested that she apply to the D.C. Library system which had openings at that time. She accepted the dean's suggestion and shortly thereafter was called for an interview. Beaming with confidence that she would be selected for a library position, McCormick headed to D.C. for an interview only to discover upon her arrival that a major snow storm had caused the interview to be canceled. Undaunted by Mother Nature, McCormick returned, was interviewed and hired as an adult reference librarian at the Southwest Branch in April 1988. In 1990, she was appointed as head librarian. The rest is history.

Reflecting on some of the library's highlights, it becomes evident that she has made a big difference in the life of the South-

west community. Some of the highlights included the Department of Education's (DOE) contribution of 7,000 new books which were arranged through the generosity of DOE's official and former Southwest Scholarship Chairperson Francine Vinson. "The books were all classics and we were able to put a smile on a lot of

faces," said McCormick. She also reflected on the annual Black Family events in which speakers shared knowledge on the African American heritage and then joined the audience with pot luck delights.

The highlights were memorable and enjoyable but the accomplishments were more cherished and profound. Through her involvement with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) Youth Activities Task Force and Scholarship Committee, she was

able to establish a relationship with the neighborhood youth and their parents. Barbara Murray, chair of the Scholarship Committee said that "Carolyn has involved herself with the community as a whole and the library has become a Community Center and a place where everyone feels welcomed. She gives positive meaning to the term 'Community Library' and we will sorely miss her."

Her formal training in sociology and psychology and subsequent work experience in

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Dr. Audrey Austin is honored by Capitol Park tenants . . .

Dr. Audrey Austin, retiring Chairperson the Capital Park Tenants Association at 800 Fourth Street, S.W., was honored at a reception given by CPTA members recently. Beatrice Smith was MC for the evening.

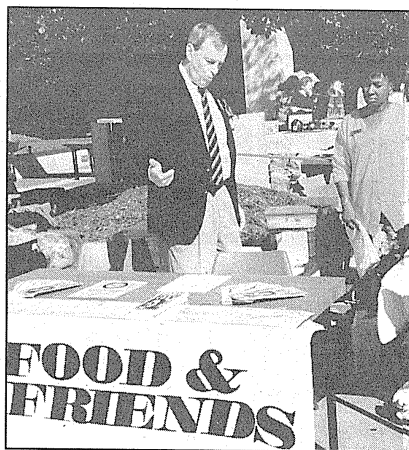
A bronze plaque commending Dr. Austin for her leadership during difficult times at Capitol Park Apartments and a gift of a television set were presented to Dr. Austin by Alberta White, a coordinator of the reception. A plaque and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to other retiring officers: Andy Strojny, Vice President; Viola Brown, Secretary; and Novell Sullivan, Treasurer.

Dr. Austin also presented Certificates of Appreciation to CPTA members who served on a committee to assist officers in responding to legal

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DOT Kicks Off CFC Campaign

Dozens of charities and vendors took part in a festive opening of the annual Combined Federal Campaign in the courtyard of the Department of Transportation.



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Meeting:

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA's) October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24th at the S.W. Branch library, 3rd & Wesley Pl. at 7:30. Please be prompt -- we have to be finished by 8:45. The focus will be on Syphax School and D.C. Housing Improvement.





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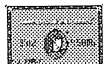
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Southwest Community Calendar October — November 1995

- Oct. 21 Saturday** - City-wide Cleanup
- Oct. 26 Thursday** - NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m. - SW Library
- Nov. 1 Wednesday** - Ward 2 & 8 School Board Community Meeting, 7? - Francis Junior High School, 24th & N St., s, NW
- Nov. 2 Thursday** - Ward 2 Town Meeting with Mayor Barry, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Francis Junior H.S., 24th & N St.s, NW
- Nov. 7 Tuesday** - First District Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m. - 1D Headquarters, 415 4th Street, S.W.,
- Nov. 13 Monday** - Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m. - Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Nov. 15 Wednesday** - Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751, Noon - St. Matthews Church
- Nov. 15 Wednesday** - Career Fair - Southeastern University, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 501 Eye Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.
- Nov. 30 Thursday** - NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m. - Southwest Library
- (Please submit calendar items to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284 before the 19th of November)

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People frequently ask "How can I help with the paper?" The paper has many needs. Here are some of the tasks which are needed:

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Notes from the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting, September 20, 1995

• Fifty seven community citizens attended the regular meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly on September 20 to hear the report which the D.C. Office of Planning will present to the Zoning Commission. SWNA President Beryl Rice introduced Nate Gross, John Fondersmith, and William Johnson of the D.C. Office of Planning and Jim Fagelson of the Redevelopment Land Agency.

• Speaking for the D.C. Office of Planning, Mr. Gross reviewed the plans to be implemented when the Redevelopment Land Plan terminates in 1996. He described the commitment to be consistent with the original plan, the home rule act, and to avoid over and underzoning. Questions were entertained from the floor as each designation was described. Of particular interest were the parking situation on the Waterfront and maintaining the quality of life in our Southwest neighborhoods. The unoccupied land on the Waterfront is now being marketed for restaurants and shops.

• Over one third of those present also filled in and returned a survey sheet of priorities for the 1995-1996 work of the Assembly. The current commitments of the SWNA include: publication of the Southwester newsletter; the Scholarship Committee which has raised funds to provide scholarships for 19-25 SW youth each year; the Youth Activities Task Force which works to provide employment, camping and other programs benefitting SW youth; the SW Clean-Up and Beautification which held a Spring Clean-Up and is initiating an Adopt-a-Block Program; and a Transportation Committee, concerned about bus service cut-backs.

• Possible future directions for the Assembly may include: supporting Habitat for Humanity's in building affordable homes in our Southwest community; exploring a HUD, EPA and DC partnership to collect recyclable solid waste and provide jobs in SW; and working with the police and other departments to obtain better services and traffic control in the community.

Remember, there will be four school holidays in November . . .

D.C. students will have four days off in November. They are:

- **Monday, Nov. 10 - Veterans Day**
- **Friday, Nov. 17 - Staff development day**
- **Thurs. and Fri. Nov. 23, 24 - Thanksgiving holiday**

Dr. Austin honored - continued.

aspects of service problems and proposed sales of the building: These were Dr. Harold Seidman, Joleta Reynolds, Margaret Rozelle and Marcia MacNaughton.

Among those expressing tribute to Dr. Austin was ANC Commission Charles W. Hargraves who said: "She cannot be replaced. I've been associated with community activities for a number of years, and whenever it came to the matter of Capitol Park and its residents, Audrey was always in the forefront. Her information was always well-documented. When she was fighting the battles of rent control, conversion, and other matter, she was putting forth the viewpoint of all of her fellow residents. She will still be part of the larger community.

Emma Mitchell acknowledged Dr. Austin's contributions as a teacher with a dramatic reading of a passage on Teaching from "The Prophet." Others described her roles as problem-solver, neighbor, and friend.

Responding, Dr. Austin cited the many problems tenants have had to deal with, and said: "Just about everything we want, we have to fight for. That's why a tenant associating is so important. I have been successful because people worked together, sat up until 1 a.m. and longer when we had to meet deadlines. Accept only what you see is right and fight what you know is wrong," she said, emphasizing that she can still be called on to help when needed.

Novell Sullivan lead a silent tribute to Lewis S. Flagg, former CPTA Chairman and longtime Capitol Park resident, who passed away recently.

Teaching of the "electric slide" by Beatrice Smith was a featured event as the party wound up.

Coordinators for the reception were Beatrice Smith, Marion Coleman, Gloria Davis, Albert White, and Cherry Woodland.

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Dr. Audrey Austin with ANC Commissioner C.W. Hargraves



CPTA Officers and Committee members: (left to right) Alberta White, Audrey Austin, Andy Strojny, Harold Seidman, Margaret Rozelle, Novell Sullivan, Viola Browne, and Marcia McNaughton



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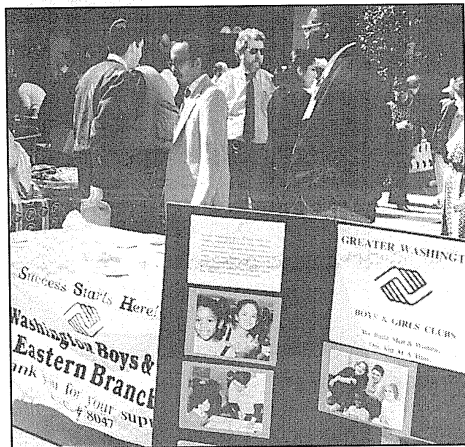
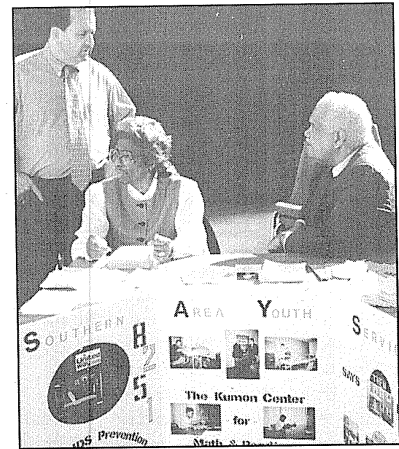
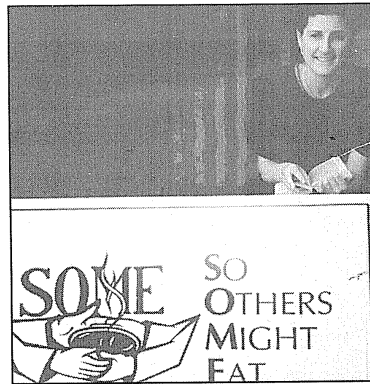
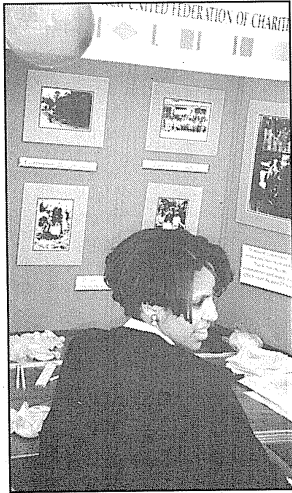
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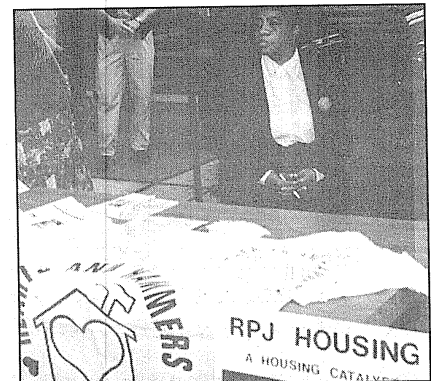
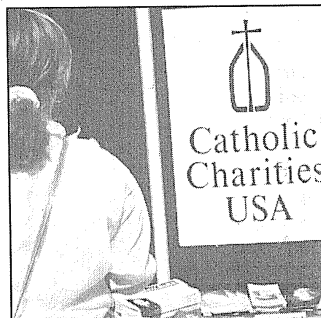
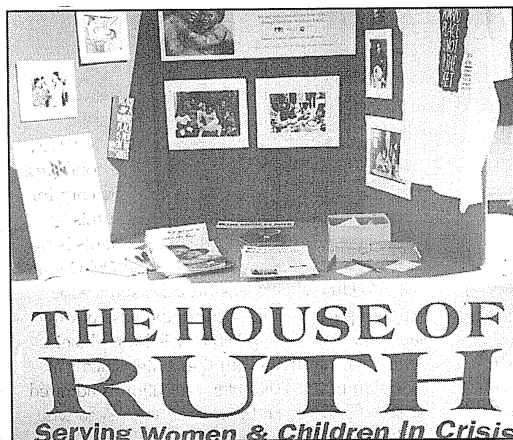
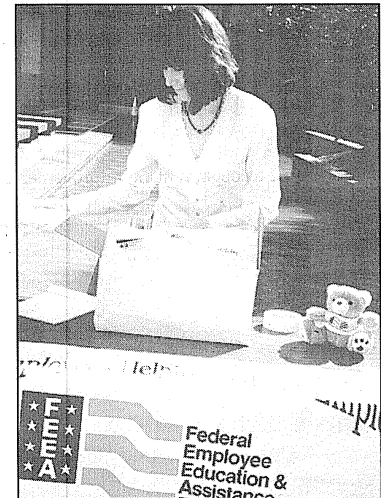
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Scenes from the Combined Federal Campaign Kick-off!



Adopt-A-Block Update:

The Adopt-A-Block and Saturday Cleanup programs are doing well and making progress, although there is still much to be done to make permanent improvements in the appearance of streets and public areas throughout the Southwest.

Many people have observed progress being made and many thanks are due to individuals, groups, and our city government.

Hats off to the residents of Town Square Towers Condominium at 700 7th Street for adopting the block in front of their building to include Areas around Jefferson Junior High, and the streets around the public parking lot bounded by 7th and G Streets.

As the Southwester goes to press, Southeastern University is planning a block party in conjunction with the October 14th Southwest Cleanup. Many thanks, Southeastern.

Congratulations to Colonel Suggs who tirelessly tends the median strip with beautiful flowers on the 400 block of M Streets. A volunteer cleans the area around Saint Dominic's Church every Saturday and Sunday and another group cleans around St. Augustine's.

A resident has been instrumental in getting the businesses on the Southeast side of South Capitol Street to begin making improvements in their areas.

Residents are invited to send pictures and stories about their activities to the Southwester at PO Box 70131 or drop-off articles at the library. New ideas are needed too.

Accompanying this article are some pictures taken on September 12 which show good things happening and also, some areas were additional efforts are definitely needed to bring our neighborhood up to a good standard.

Mary Ann Bailer, Adopt-A-Block chair person, has organized a group in the 1500



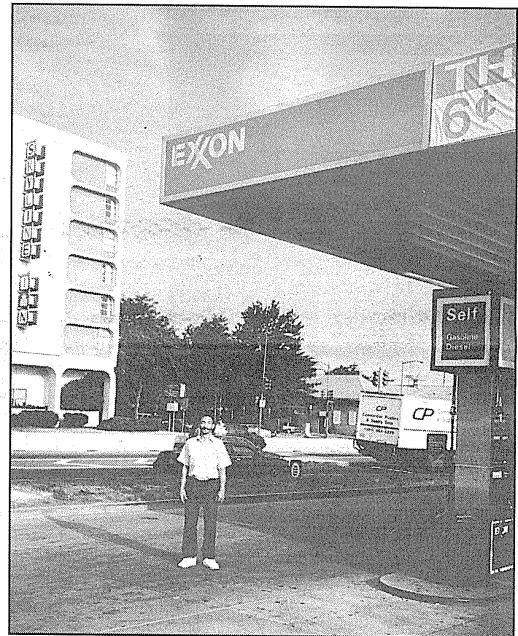
Mr. Christopher Pugh, cleaning in front of Syphax Gardens.

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Block of 2nd Street to clean up there. Many thanks to Ms. Gloria Hamilton and Ms. Gwendolyn Aikrom of 1500 2nd Street for helping organize the group. Also, thanks to Le Eckles, 410 O Street, who obtained materials for the cleanups.

More volunteers, more ideas, more resources are needed to keep our Adopt-A-Block and Saturday Cleanup programs running. Anyone not already participating who wants to help, please call Mary Ann Bailer, 479-0571.

Mr. Paul Van Hagen, manager, Exxon Station at 950 South Capitol Street, has done an excellent job in making the area around his gas station look good. It appears that other businesses in his area are catching on and improving their areas too.



ADOPT-A-BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, October 28, 1995

12:00 noon

Southeastern University

501 I Street, S.W.

Cleanup I Street...12:00 to 2:00

Food & Entertainment...2:00 to 4:00

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D.C. League of Women Voters

by Grace Savage

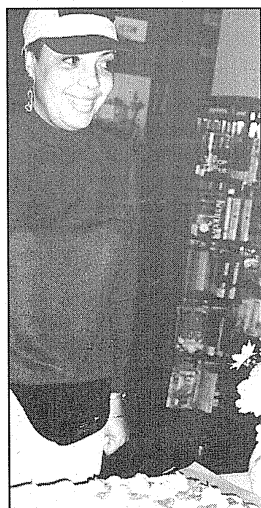
The annual luncheon of the D.C. League of Women Voter was on September, 1995. The main speaker was Michael Rogers, City Administrator—Deputy Mayor for Operations, he talked about "New Perspectives and Dynamics" Southwest residents attending the meeting included Lois Laster, Anna March, Mary McCauley, Ruth Miller, and Grace Savage.

John Hall, Executive Director of the new D.C. Financial Authority, briefed the League on August 15, 1995, on functions and recommendations of the Authority.

Anyone interested in joining the League to keep informed on the D.C. financial crisis and other subjects of vital interest to District residents may call (331-4122) or Grace Savage (554-3474). The Southwest Unit of the League meets on the third or second Tuesday of the month.

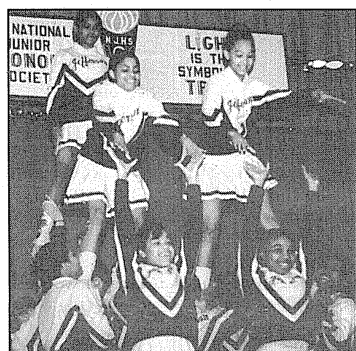
Infant care program in Southwest . . .

Southwest Child Development Center is now accepting infants into their day care center. Located at the corner of M and Delaware Streets, they are hosted by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Established in May of 1972, they have been a very vital part of the southwest community by providing affordable day care for children 2 years to four years until just this September. The age range for the infants is six months to twenty-four months. The DC Department of Human Services provides some assistance to parents who cannot otherwise afford day care. The Acting Director is Mrs. Maggie Lewis who has been with the center since it's inception in the 70s. Her dedication is admired by all around her and when she was asked why she's done this for so long, her reply was, "Just because I love taking care of the children". If you want more information call (202) 488-3677.



Caroline McCormick prepares to cut a cake at a retirement luncheon

Cheerleaders at Jefferson Jr. High put on their maroon and gold costumes and built a human pyramid at an orientation for new students.



Alfred Powell is the new Adult Librarian at S.W. Library.

Alfred Powell, former business librarian at the MLK main library in downtown D.C., has been assigned as adult librarian at the S.W. Branch Library.

Mr. Powell holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and a BA in Administration of Justice with a minor in music from Virginia State University.

He has experience as an adult librarian at the Francis Gregory Regional Branch Library on Alabama Ave. S.E., as a medical librarian at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and as a law/tax librarian with the Ernst and Young Accounting firm.

Mr. Powell told the Southwester: "I am excited about being in Southwest - such a vibrant community - and will dedicate myself to customer satisfaction and quality of service for all segments of the Southwest Community Family."

Amidon - Reading is Fundamental

A book party was held in the Amidon library to celebrate the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. Several years back Amidon was the first elementary school in the nation to have the RIF program. Each year, three to five books are given to each student to keep.

S.W. Library will soon have Adult Basic Education Computers.

A computer lab to help adults improve basic skills will be dedicated at the SW Branch Library on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 9 pm.

A grant of \$30,000 under the Library Services Construction Act is funding the project which is being built on the second floor of the library. A number of computers have been donated to the library and more are needed.

The library, under the leadership of retiring librarian Carolyn McCormick, has an extensive collection of workbooks and texts to help adults study for their GED tests and bring up their skills in math, reading, and social studies. The computers will be powerful teaching tools to serve the Southwest community.

The SW branch will work with PLAN (Push Literacy Action Now), a community based literacy provider, and through the Adult Basic Education division at the MLK Main Branch of the public library. The computer lab will be named after the late Ms. Dorothy Kittle who was chair of the Southwest Friends of the Library. Ms. Kittle worked with the Library Services Construction Act and dedicated her life to securing access to information and promoting libraries.

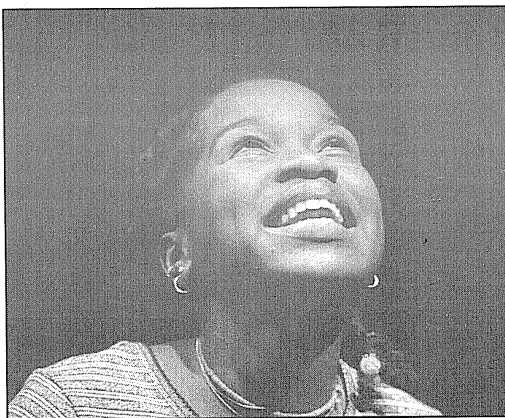
Theater Review

by Wallace Babington

"Holiday Heart"

A drag queen, a drug dealer who disapproves of drugs, a poet/prostitute, and a precocious twelve year old inner city child who learns about life the hard way. These are just a few of the ingredients that make up Arena's current production, "Holiday Heart." And it turns out to be quite a moving and involving theatrical experience.

The plot may seem familiar - almost like one of many TV sit-coms that you can't miss when channel surfing: dysfunctional family with interesting, funny neighbor who becomes closely involved in the family's multiple problems and conflicts. But there the resemblance to any TV fare ends. The play is set in a pair of neighboring Chicago South Side apartments occupied by Wanda and her twelve year old daughter, Niki, and Holiday, an endearing and engaging drag queen. Wanda is addicted to both poetry and drugs. Silas, Wanda's lover, is a responsible and caring drug dealer with a heart. Holiday is a lovable drag queen of many talents and accomplishments: He prays regularly, cooks like a chef, provides counseling and advice at will and ultimately becomes with Silas the primary care taker



Afi McClendon as Nikki Dean

of Niki after her mother leaves her.

But the play is much more than the plot summary would suggest. In the hands of the playwright, Cheryl West, the situations are filled with meaning and the characters have depth and complexity. As you might expect, a coming-of-age story about a modern urban child on Chicago's South Side is destined to be a far cry from "Little Women." The play is a study in contrasts: a combination of bright, feel-good, positive, pro-family situations intermingled and shaded with the dark side of urban life found in

drugs, prostitution, fear and pessimism.

Holiday, played by Arena's Jeffery V. Thompson, is given an interpretation that immediately and effectively captures the hearts and minds of the audience. However, the success of the play rests ultimately on the shoulders of Niki, portrayed by Afi McClendon. Ms. McClendon carries out that responsibility with skill, talent and a maturity that far exceeds her years. Ron Cephas Jones has perhaps the most challenging role, Silas. He is faced with the difficult task of making a drug dealer likable and sympathetic. And in time Mr. Jones succeeds,

winning the acceptance and appreciation of the audience. The play belongs to Niki and Holiday. However, the most effective and moving segments are those involving Holiday and Silas. A tribute to skill and talent.

Niki's coming-of-age is a journey from innocence to cynicism and despair. Her closing lines deliver a blow that sets the audience back. But this is not a sit-com. This is the real world - like it or not.

"Holiday Heart" by Cheryl L. West. At Arena Stage in the Kreeger Theater through November 19.

Carolyn McCormick - continued from page 1

the two fields proved to be invaluable in her position and in working with youth and helping to solve some of their challenges. She felt that she could identify with many of the youth because she was a true product of an inner city childhood who had survived teenage pregnancy and the likes. Her relationship with the youth made her a role model to many and resulted in an increase in attendance and use of the library.

McCormick spoke highly about the many wonderful programs held at the library, including the workshops on investment and health and beauty aids, political forums, book signings, and the African American series. These programs not only attracted neighborhood folks but also drew broad-based support. A well attended workshop on the privatization of D.C. public schools attracted top library and other public and private officials and media attention. In spite of the many successful programs held at the library, McCormick remarked that "this was one of the few times during my tenure that drew media recognition."

Her most noteworthy accomplishment was felt in the overwhelming support from the community, namely the SWNA and the Friends of the Library. "Their support enabled me to reach out to the community." Members of SWNA, the Friends and other caring people rallied to her support. This was most helpful

when the library endured some cutbacks in services. McCormick regretted these reductions but was genuinely pleased that the community support helped to prevent the branch's closing.

Recounting another accomplishment, McCormick glows as she discusses her efforts in helping to secure a D.C. Adult Based Education Computer Lab for the library. The lab will afford community residents the chance to attend classes which will ultimately help to improve their standards of living and develop a greater sense of pride and respect for their community.

McCormick was modest in discussing these accomplishments and felt that they were achievable not only because of community support but also because of the support of her staff. "They were a genuine gift to me with unique qualities." In organizing and hosting many of the libraries' program, McCormick felt that her staff "went beyond the call of duty, often working overtime and on their days off without compensation."

It's hard to think that a chapter in her life is ending here in S.W. McCormick will not forget the Southwest community and the community will not forget her. She's trying not to think about all the wonderful people and the fun-loving community she's leaving behind. She will simply turn the pages to the next chapter on her husband and family and spend more time with them, including spoiling her twin grandsons and new granddaughter. Life is an exciting book.

Amidon elementary school

END OF THE YEAR REPORT

1. "For Young Men Only."

Thirty-two 4th and 6th grade males from Amidon were sworn in as "Honorary Junior Assistant U.S. Attorneys" when they visited the offices of U.S. Attorney Eric Holder, Jr.

The group were members of an Amidon organization called "For Young Men Only," and were accompanied by their mentors, all of whom are U.S. attorneys.

2. Poster Contest Winners

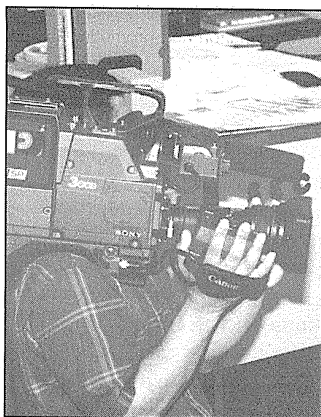
- Third Grader Domonique Chapman took 3rd place in a poster art competition sponsored by D. C. agencies.
- Robin Campbell, 6th grader, won 2nd place in Childhelp U.S.A.'s poster contest.
- Fifth grader Joy Nash and 6th grader Jon Paul Mock placed 3rd in the U.S. Savings Bonds poster contest.
- Jon-Claude Simms, 5th grader, and Fatoumata Bah, 6th grader, won 1st places in the Dental Health poster contest.
- Fourth grader Milan Coleman took 2nd place in the D.C. PTA's Dare To Discover poster contest.

3. Citywide Science Fair

- Eleanor Wang and Shevaun Lassiter won 1st place honors.

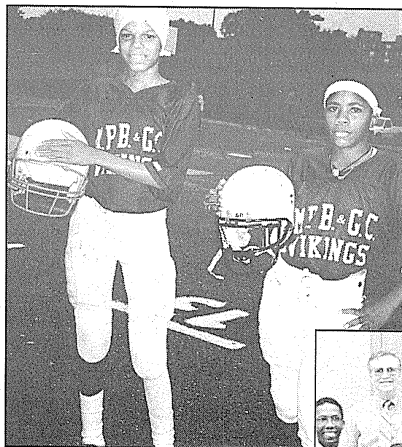
4. Essay Contest

- Washington Humane Society's essay contest, Lindsey Brown, 3rd grader, took 3rd place.



TV Camera at Jefferson

Last summer photography, including shooting with a heavy television camera, was part of an enrichment program for new 7th graders at Jefferson.



Thanks for the New Uniforms...

All three football teams at MPB&G Club #4 are sporting new uniforms, thanks to donations from Southwest neighbors. Gold bandannas, gold pants, and purple jerseys are shown on Club 4 players DeAunte Toney and Andrew Callaghan.

HUD Volunteers at Jeff . . .



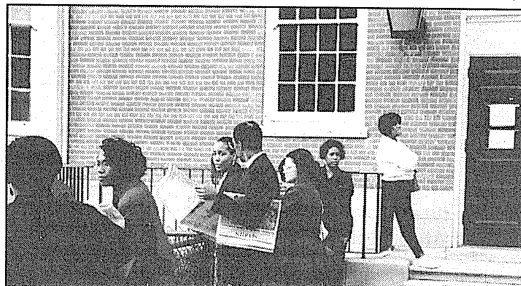
A group of HUD employees who have been helping Jefferson Jr. High School students for many years gathered on the school steps for a photo.

Parents Line Up for Jefferson Jr. Slots . . .

Dozens of parents from outside Southwest waited in line outside Jefferson Jr. High early on a Monday morning to ask special permission to get their students into Jefferson Jr. in the fall of 1996.

"Good grades" is one of the requirements for "out-of-boundary" students to get into Jefferson, according to the parents.

Principal Vera White will choose among the more than 90 students whose applications were filed.





Kids on Storefront Steps, a photo from Geoffrey Frankel's book, "In the Alleys. Kids in the Shadow of the Capitol."



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Book Review

by Wallace Babington

"In the Southwest Alleys"

The way we were - Southwest before urban renewal. A Southwest that only a few of us can remember: a series of twisted, inhabited alleys created in the mid 1800's and known in the 1940's as the overcrowded, unhealthy homes of hundreds of Washingtonians. When Geoffrey Frankel took his camera into those alleys in 1943, he captured something more than houses and streets: he found a vibrant, thriving and rich community life sustained by strong family ties.

His photographs are now collected in a new book, "In the Alleys. Kids in the Shadow of the Capitol." The book contains not only photographs of the people, alleys and streets of old Southwest, but also comments and reminiscences of some of the people who grew up here and remember a life quite different from today's Southwest: "Essentially it was a small town ... That's the way we lived down there. With extended families. It was pretty hard to go hungry, because everyone would feed you. Take anybody's child and feed them." Knowing where we were and how we lived in old Southwest gives perspective and a better understanding of where we are and who we are today.

The book is available at most bookstores in the Washington area.

Theater Review

by Wallace Babington

"Saturday Morning"

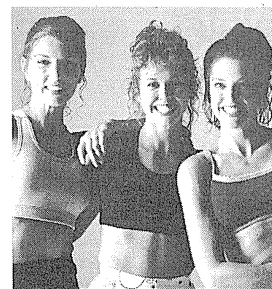
"Saturday Morning at the National" is a series of entertaining and delightful theatrical events for children ages four and older. Shows are presented every Saturday morning at 9:30 and 11:00 at the National Theater, 1321 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, throughout the school year. The series is a critically acclaimed children's program that received the 1987 Helen Hayes Washington Post Award for distinguished service to the Washington community. We are fortunate in Southwest to have easy access to this exciting program for children.

A glance at the programs for next few Saturday mornings will give an idea of what a rich and rewarding experience this can be:

• October 21: Theater IV brings the story of "Tom Thumb" to life in an original musical adaptation of this familiar children's story.

• October 28: KK And The Feeling Friends is a musical program in which plush, stuffed animals interact with the children to show that it is great to have feelings.

• November 4: Alice McGill is an enchanting storyteller who tickles the funny-bone and stirs the imagination with stories about humans, animals and the fantastical. Take the kids - it's free - and it will be a morning well spent. For information, call 783-3372.



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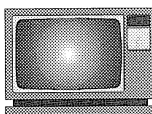
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the beginnings of a journey.....

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I began my InterNet experience in January 1995 by logging on to America Online and immediately sent an e-mail to my friend **Anita Brown** and my journey into **cyberspace** adventure was launched. Anita cruises mostly on AOL and has created a unique place in cyberspace with her daily inspirational messages sent to hundreds of persons on the 'Net'. She also has a **web page** to market her line of wearable memories on **Melanet** which promotes itself as the un-cut Black Experience on the Internet. **William Jordan**, of Melanet, who is an engineer by training became my first 'Net tutor who interprets my vision with a technical approach that **anyone** can understand. Without someone in your life like Jordan, bumping around on the 'Net could be stressful at times, especially if you don't know what you're doing. Hence this series of articles are presented to you in a manner to prepare you for your initial trips with a greater feeling of security :-).

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Getting connected to the InterNet can be done in a number of ways. I found that reading (**printed sources**), as much as I could, helped tremendously. But first you **must** have a computer with a **modem**, some communications software loaded on it, get connected and **go for it!**

AAAA very basic connection would be with a local, community oriented service provider part of the **Public Access Network** movement which would typically provide **e-mail**, **ftp** and **telnet** as well as other services generally with a particular focus. I use **TrustNet**, whose focus is youth development, and whose cost is low or free as these organizations typically are.

AAAA Online services are now providing full InterNet connectivity including the **World Wide Web (WWW)**. Because of their history of operating as a community within itself, on-line services are like miniature InterNets with all kinds of information categories for their membership. AOL, which prides itself as the "Best Consumer On-line Service" currently is the largest of it's kind providing full InterNet access, interactive services, newspapers and magazines, on-line financial and business services and easy downloading and computing support. On-line services typically charge their membership around \$10 per month for the first five hours of use and around \$3.50 for each additional hour of use. **All of the on-line services do offer 10 hour free trials which allows one to see what's being offered.**

AAAA Most InterNet full service providers are local based however some are regional and a few provide connectivity services on a national basis.

Editor's Note: Other commercial services are Compuserve, Genie, Podigy and a locally based new service, Hermes. Almost free services are CapAccess and TrustNet.

Visions .net provides me with service for full (**WWW**) inter-connectivity to the 'Net'. These type organizations not only 'beam you up' but also offer domain services, web publishing, etc. Visions.net charges \$25/month for 240 hours of full access.

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In this series, it is my intention to use interactive tools (**glossaries that describe italicized/bold words and the contents of e-mail sent to me by fellow cruisers describing interactive resources discovered on the 'Net**). As you travel with us, you'll understand why we **can't be kicked to the curb on the Information SuperHighway** unless we choose to take the victim position and don't take advantage of the opportunities that await us. We intend to share some of our experience with interactive technology-how it works for us in our daily lives-so that you can discover this info-world as we know it.

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The Internet is a worldwide network of computer networks, just as local area networks link personal computers in an office, so they can share files and printers and communicate with each other, the InterNet links networks together so they can share resources as well. More than 40 million people actually use the system worldwide, effectively creating a global 'virtual community' for themselves. These figures are growing at a rate of around one million new users a month, which means that if the 'Net's big now it'll be massive next year, and absolutely gigantic the year after. Eventually, **most** of us are going to get involved - it's just a question of when.

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I suppose you're wondering what are all these people actually doing on the 'Net'. Well, they're doing just about everything - sending and receiving **e-mail**; using information on other computers around the world with **ftp** and **telnet**; information browsing and retrieval using **mosaic**, **gopher** and **archie**; social communication via **rtc**; and news gathering via **usenet**... Some people even conduct their business over the Internet. Most who use the 'Net aren't highly computer-literate, engineer types either. Schools, government agencies, businesses, small and large, commercial on-line services, even political parties, are all connected, and use the 'Net on a daily basis. It's full of incredibly useful **tools and resources** and lots of fun too.

Next: tools & resources of the World Wide Web.....

Havurah in Planning Stage.

Discussion is now underway for the formation of a Jewish fellowship group (Havurah) to fill part of the void created by Temple Micah's move to Wisconsin Ave., NW. At the present time, there is no Jewish synagogue in the SW, NE, or SE areas of the city. Anyone who is interested in developing this group's activities, please call Carole Early at 488-3355.

Start Saving Safeway and Giant Tapes

The Giant/Safeway Tapes for Education Program is from September 17 through January 13th. The tapes will be used to buy computers, overhead projectors, etc. There will be a box at the library. It will be at the circulation desk. Fill it up and SWNA will donate the tapes to the SW schools. SWNA encourages you to support your schools by saving your grocery tapes.

DC recycling is back . . .

The District now provides curbside collection of recyclable from residences with three or fewer dwelling units which also receive DPW municipal solid waste collection service. This is information about the recent changes in the curbside program including what materials you may recycle as well as how to prepare them.

- **Your recycling collection day remains the same.** Your recyclable will be collected each week on the same day as your trash collection day or on your second trash collection day if you receive twice-a-week trash collection.

- **Two different trucks may collect recyclable from your home on your collection day.** On some routes, one truck will collect all recyclables. On other routes, one truck will collect paper products and another truck will collect the recycling bin materials.

- **Your recyclable should be placed at the front curb by 6:00 a.m.** and should be collected by 8:00 p.m.

- **To report missed collections** or for more information, call the D.C. Office of Recycling at (202) 727-5887.

- **To request a recycling bin**, call Eagle Maintenance Services at (202) 291-0200.

"Oldies" Pop Concert...

On Tuesday, November 14, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church will present a lunchtime program of popular music from the World War II era, with Joyce Bouvier and Bruce Crane, two of St. Augustine's musicians, singing and performing on piano, violin and recorder. Do you remember "White Cliffs of Dover?" How about "Swingin' on a Star" and "The Bells of St. Mary's?" Those are just three of the songs on the program, which will begin at 12:10 p.m. at the church at 600 M Street, S.W. If you are in the neighborhood during the day, this is something different to do with your lunch hour. All are welcome and it's free.

Councilman Evans speaks out...



Southwest Metrobus victory.

Bring back the P2 Metrobus Route was the message I clearly heard when I met with Greenleaf Senior Citizen Building residents at the 5/22/95 Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting. I took this concern and immediately began working to restore this route which had been eliminated (against my wishes) during last spring's District budget deliberations.

Using my position as a member of the Metro Board of Directors, I stressed to Metro officials the critical service provided by the P2 Route which is used by many Southwest senior citizens and stretches from Anacostia Metro Station to the Archives Metro Station. As a result, the P2 Route was re-established on 10/2/95 for a six-month trial basis. I will continue to work during this time to ensure this route is made permanent at the end of its review period.

If you would like the full travel-route of the P2, have questions about other bus routes or would like a timetable mailed to you, call Metro at 202-637-7000.

Success at Syphax School.

I achieved another victory for Southwest this month when I convened a meeting in late September between District Government officials and Southwest residents to discuss long-standing concerns created by the now-vacant Syphax Elementary School.

Joined by Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 2D03 Toni Cassidy and several concerned citizens, I clearly outlined to government officials (including the Director of the government agency responsible for the upkeep and future of Syphax) the myriad problems the vacant property has brought to the neighborhood - including numerous reports of criminal or disruptive activities and excessive litter on the school grounds.

This meeting effectively laid a foundation by which the community and government officials can work toward determining and achieving a new use for the Syphax property. I requested that the Government officials both increase attention to the building and begin the groundwork needed to find a new use for the site. Those officials will provide an update to me and the community participants at the next meeting on this issue in early November.

Jazz Vespers: Christ United Methodist Church, 900 - 4th Street, S.W. is having Jazz Vespers on Sunday, November 5, 1995. It will feature Roy Elliston & Friends; Ronnie Wells & Dick Smith will also entertain us. Children (under 12) tickets are \$5 and adult tickets are \$15. A reception will follow immediately. For more information call (202) 488-0698

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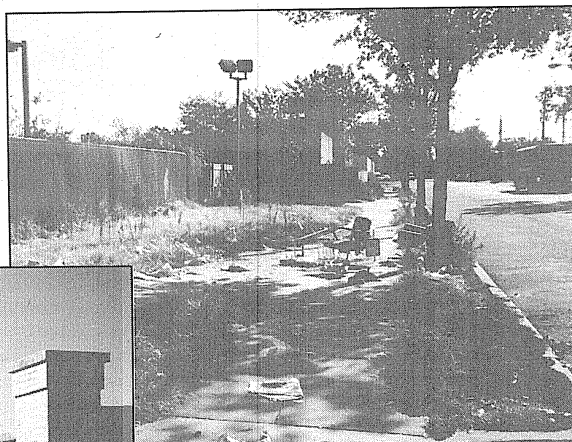
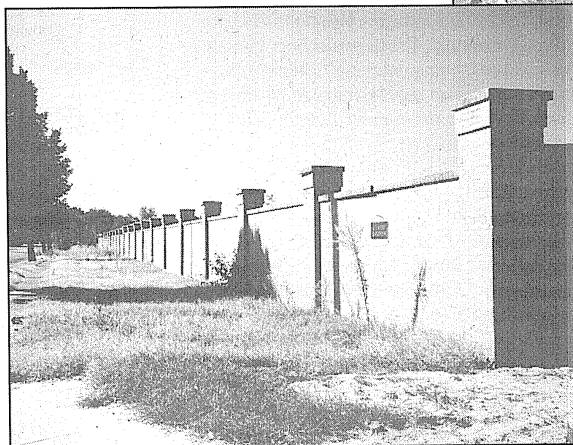
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More Adopt-A-Block Pictures

1500 Block of 2nd Street, SW was clean on September 12, by Mary Ann Bailer and her group from Syphax Gardens on September 23 and 30 and also 7 October. On 8 October it was messed up again - the very next day after cleaning.



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